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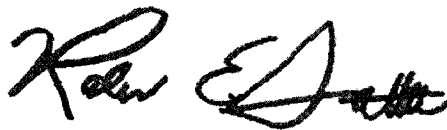
Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I am writing to follow up on the status of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to implement an interagency process for reviewing and approving microbial and infection reduction claims made in copper product labeling.

After a productive meeting with members of your staff in my office on March 1, 2016, I sent a follow up letter on March 23 that outlined the discussion and requested that within 60 days, both agencies jointly provide the MOU review process and begin implementation with industry. While I understand the some progress has been made, three months later, neither objective has been achieved.

I ask that that within 5 business days the EPA and FDA provide my staff and I with a written status update and a firm timeline for when the MOU will be finalized, sent to my office, and implemented. It is past time that this regulatory gray area is addressed so that truthful infection-reduction claims can be communicated. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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